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SUBJECT: MBFR:GERMAN PRESS STORY ON ALLIED NEGOTIATING
POSITION.

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1. WESTDEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE (ESSEN) OF SEPT 14 CARRIES
BRIEF FRONT PAGE STORY CITING "GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN
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WASHINGTON" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE U.S. AND ITS

ALLIES HAVE AGREED TO PROPOSE AT THE VIENNA MBFR TALKS
A REDUCTION OF NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES IN EUROPE
OF 700,000 MEN EACH;(REPORTER OBVIOUSLY MISUNDERSTOOD
THIS ASPECT OF TOTH STORY). THE PRESS REPORT CONTINUES:
QTE THE U.S. INTENDS TO WITHDRAW, ALREADY NEXT
YEAR,ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THEIR ROUGHLY 300,000 MEN
IN EUROPE. ON THE OTHER SIDE, WHOSE TROOP STRENGTH
IS SUPERIOR TO NATO, 67,000 SOVIET SOLDIERS WOULD BE
REMOVED FROM CENTRAL EUROPE. BESIDES, THE AMERICANS
INTEND TO PRESS FOR A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF
SOVIET TANKS IN THE EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, IN
ORDER TO BALANCE OFF THE DISADVANTAGE OF REMOVING
U.S. TROOPS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC. END QTE

2. THE ABOVE STORY HAS NOT YET HIT OTHER FRG PAPERS,
BUT WE EXPECT SEPT 15 PAPERS WILL PICK UP JUST PRINTED
WIRE DISPATCH FROM DPA CHIEF WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT
HANS-JUERGEN HOEFER, WHO BASICALLY GOES OVER ROBERT
TOTH WASHPOST/LA TIMES STORY, ADDING INTERPRETATION
THAT LEAK WAS "INTENTIONAL INDISCRETION" DESIGNED
TO AFFECT CURRENT NATO DEBATE (SIC) AND TO DIVERT
PRESENT CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURES FOR UNILATERAL CUT.

3. EMBOFF WENT OVER GUIDANCE ON U.S. PRESS APPROACH,
AS DESCRIBED REFTELS,WITH FONOFF MBFR DEPT CHIEF RUTH.
THE LATTER SAID BONN PROBABLY WOULD TAKE THE SAME
APPROACH.
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